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Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce the following additions to its staff:

- **Lisa McDonald** began as an Administrative Assistant in the Regional Transit Board Division, effective September 28, 2015.
- **Thomas C. Moriarty** began as a Special Investigator in the Chicago Division, effective October 5, 2015.
- **Kay Fischer** began as an Assistant Inspector General in the Chicago Division, effective October 13, 2015.

Ethics Training for Board Members: Reminder



Members of state boards, commissions, task forces, and similar entities are required to take ethics training each calendar year. The OEIG, in consultation with the EEC and the Attorney General, prepares training materials tailored specifically for members of state boards.

Some board members are exempt from the training obligation:

- Board members who also are members or employees of the legislative branch are exempt by statute from the jurisdiction of the EEC, and are not required to take ethics training offered under the auspices of the EEC. Instead, they are required to take ethics training offered by the Legislative Inspector General.
- Under a 2005 Attorney General opinion, board members who are serving on a board in their capacity as a representative of the judicial branch are exempt from ethics training offered by the OEIG.

Board members who serve on multiple executive branch boards are a special category. Board members need to take ethics training only once each year. Ethics officers for each board should coordinate to make sure there is a signed certification form for each board member verifying that he/she has completed ethics training during the calendar year.

With the fourth quarter of the calendar year underway, the OEIG urges board ethics officers to ensure that their members fulfill their training duty for calendar year 2015.

Revolving Door Determinations Continue to Set Records

FY2015 saw a record number of OEIG revolving door determinations, and the first quarter of FY2016 continued at an even faster pace.

- The OEIG issued 290 revolving door determinations in FY2015, up from 149 in FY2014.
- In the first quarter of FY2016, the OEIG issued 92 determinations.

Section 5-45(c) of the Ethics Act requires the Governor to identify state employees who, because of the nature of their state positions, are required to seek a determination from the OEIG regarding whether they are permitted to accept non-state employment. The list identifying such employees is commonly called the "c-list." If you are not sure whether you are on the c-list, you should consult with your ethics officer.

Any state employee, with certain narrow exceptions, may voluntarily seek a revolving door determination from the OEIG.